

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for September 2006

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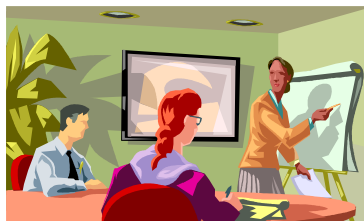
*September 2006
Preliminary Labor Force
Estimates
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region. There are eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions in Indiana. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – September 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette
8	Blackford
12	Randolph
19	Wayne
20	Delaware
21	Henry
35	Union
59	Rush
77	Jay
92	Hamilton (2.9)



ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_hiqm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	151,635,000	145,010,000	6,625,000	4.4%	4.8%
Indiana	3,259,100	3,105,500	153,600	4.7%	5.0%
Muncie MSA	55,910	52,820	3,090	5.5%	5.9%
EGR 6	169,770	160,400	9,370	5.5%	6.0%
Blackford County	6,930	6,510	420	6.0%	6.3%
Delaware County	55,910	52,820	3,090	5.5%	5.9%
Fayette County	11,590	10,680	910	7.9%	7.4%
Henry County	23,040	21,800	1,240	5.4%	6.0%
Jay County	12,170	11,700	470	3.9%	4.7%
Randolph County	13,200	12,430	770	5.8%	6.1%
Rush County	9,700	9,275	425	4.4%	4.4%
Union County	4,100	3,895	205	5.0%	5.0%
Wayne County	33,140	31,290	1,850	5.6%	6.5%
Muncie City	30,950	29,120	1,830	5.9%	6.3%
Richmond City	17,180	16,180	1,000	5.8%	6.9%



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT September 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.1%
Kentucky	4.8%
Michigan	6.7%
Ohio	5.0%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in September. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor 31 states recorded over the month unemployment rate decreases, 12 states registered rate increases, and 7 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 41 states, up in 7 states, and unchanged in 2 states. Hawaii posted the lowest state unemployment rate, 2.5 percent. The states registering the highest jobless rates were Mississippi, 7.2%, Michigan, 7.1%, Alaska, 6.6%, and South Carolina, 6.4%. Tennessee registered the largest unemployment rate decline from August.

REGIONAL AND STATE EMPLOYMENT

Nonfarm payroll employment increased in 37 states and decreased in 13 states. The largest employment increases were recorded in California, Texas, Florida, and North Carolina. Hawaii posted the largest over the month percentage increase in employment, followed by Nevada, North Dakota, Utah, and Delaware. The largest employment decreases occurred in Minnesota, Missouri, Georgia, and Ohio. Over the year, nonfarm employment increased in 49 states and decreased in 1 state (Michigan).

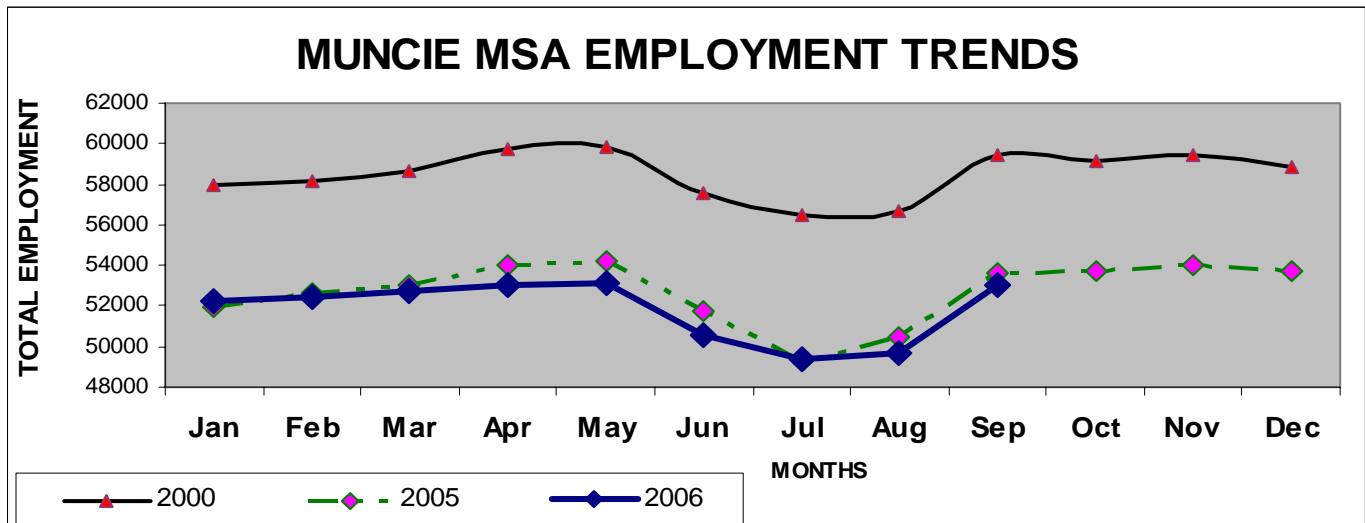
MUNCIE MSA

WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	SEPTEMBER 2006	AUGUST 2006	SEPTEMBER 2005	AUG. 2006 TO SEPT. 2006		SEPT. 2005 TO SEPT. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	53,000	49,700	53,600	+3,300	+6.6%	-600	-1.1%
Total Private	40,300	39,900	40,800	+400	+1.0%	-500	-1.2%
Goods Producing	8,400	8,400	8,700	+0	+0.0%	-300	-3.4%
Service-Providing	44,600	41,300	44,900	+3,300	+8.0%	-300	-0.7%
Private Srvc Provide	31,900	31,500	32,100	+400	+1.3%	-200	-0.6%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+4.5%
Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	6,500	+0	+0.0%	-400	-6.2%
Durable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,500	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,000	9,000	9,100	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+8.3%
Retail Trade	6,500	6,500	6,700	+0	+0.0%	-200	-3.0%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	400	400	400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	4,100	4,000	4,100	+100	+2.5%	+0	+0.0%
Educational and Health	9,000	8,900	9,000	+100	+1.1%	+0	+0.0%
Health Care and Social	8,900	8,800	8,700	+100	+1.1%	+200	+2.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,500	5,300	5,500	+200	+3.8%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	2,000	+0	+0.0%	-100	-5.0%
Government	12,700	9,800	12,800	+2,900	+29.6%	-100	-0.8%
State Government	8,200	5,700	8,100	+2,500	+43.9%	+100	+1.2%
Local Government	4,100	3,700	4,300	+400	+10.8%	-200	-4.7%
Local Govt Education	2,500	2,100	2,600	+400	+19.0%	-100	-3.8%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

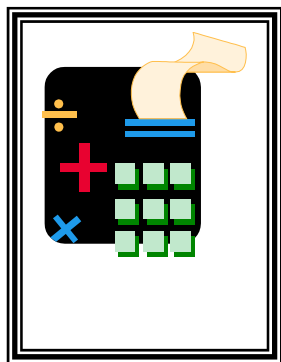
Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	September 2006	August 2006	Previous Month % Change	September 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	6,556	8,088	-18.9%	6,001	9.2%
Auburn	8,183	8,455	-3.2%	7,024	16.5%
Connersville	2,290	2,136	7.2%	1,810	26.5%
Fort Wayne	14,048	16,400	-14.3%	13,750	2.2%
Marion	4,948	5,770	-14.2%	4,468	10.7%
Muncie	6,955	8,770	-20.7%	7,247	-4.0%
Richmond	2,629	3,130	-16.0%	2,794	-5.9%
INDIANA	202,780	234,908	-13.7%	200,487	1.1%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date November 8, 2006



JOB OPENINGS ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Number of Openings	Average Hourly Wage
Production Laborers	71	\$7.75
Assemblers	61	\$8.33
All Other Machine Operators	19	\$7.56
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	16	\$8.45
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	11	\$11.60
All Other Precision Assemblers	11	\$15.43
Numerical Control Machine tool Operators	11	\$9.16
Production Helpers	11	\$6.75
Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters	10	\$12.63
Janitors & Cleaners	8	\$11.26
Registered Nurses (RN)	1	\$14.50
Computer/Information Systems Manager	1	\$25.96
Transportation Manager	1	\$25.53
Industrial Engineer	1	\$37.50
Agricultural Engineer	1	\$27.72
Electrician	1	\$18.97

The September 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 9 received during September. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.



Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,733
Production Laborers	3,675
All Other Machine Operators	3,155
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,566
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,377
All Other Hand Workers	2,342
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,752
Cashiers, General	1,611
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,503
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,452
General Office Clerks	1,429
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,421
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,415
Other Hand Material Movers	1,274
Machine Assemblers	1,256
Production Helpers	1,244
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,227
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,212
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,202
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,197

WAGE DEMAND

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Blackford	\$22,729	\$18,720	1,017
Delaware	\$19,782	\$17,680	3,321
Fayette	\$26,486	\$20,800	1,002
Henry	\$19,020	\$17,680	2,083
Jay	\$19,369	\$17,680	645
Randolph	\$26,588	\$18,720	747
Rush	\$29,135	\$20,800	272
Union	\$24,046	\$20,800	154
Wayne	\$21,591	\$18,720	1,953
EGR 6	\$21,490	\$18,720	11,475
Indiana	\$25,273	\$20,800	151,376

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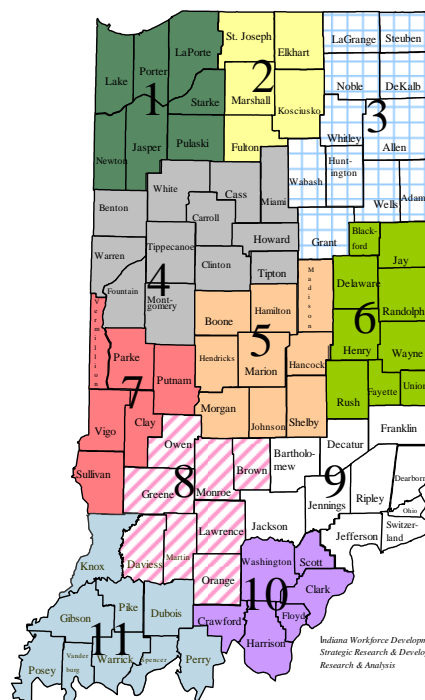
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Indiana Economic Growth Regions



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7			

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6			

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



DWD WEBSITE

<http://www.in.gov/dwd>



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Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Huntington, Jay, LaGrange, Madison, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley Counties.